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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 355 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| <i>Application Number</i> | 10/772,574 |
| <i>Filing Date</i> | February 5, 2004 |
| <i>First Named Inventor</i> | Ronald G. Thieman |
| <i>Group Art Unit</i> | 3721 |
| <i>Examiner Name</i> | Hemant Desai |
| <i>Attorney Docket Number</i> | 3046-274 (15270) |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114**

a. Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on _____
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- Other _____

b. Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other _____

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2. **Miscellaneous**

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a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of 3 months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required.)

b. Other _____

3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

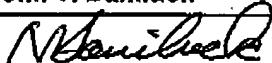
a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to the credit card as shown on the enclosed Credit Card Payment Form (Form 2038). Any additional fees are authorized to be charged to or any over payment are to be credited to Deposit Account No. 23-3030.

- RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) - \$790
- Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17) - \$1020
- Other fee under 1.17(i) for Suspension of Action - \$130

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. Payment by credit card \$ _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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| Name (Print/Type) | John V. Daniluck | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 40,581 |
| Signature |  | Date | 6 JUNE 2005 |

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being directed to the Commissioner of Patents via facsimile to the Examiner of record at 703-872-9306 on June 6, 2005.

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Name (Print/Type)

John V. Daniluck

Signature



Date

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